

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following remarks and reconsideration of the subject application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments herein. The remarks and amendments should be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as they place the application in better form for appeal, or for resolution on the merits.

[0004] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 26-27, 29, 31, 39-40, 51, and 53-54 are presently pending. Claims 26, 29, 31, 51 and 53 have been amended herein. Claims 1-25, 28, 30, 32-38, 41-50 and 52 have been withdrawn or cancelled herein.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0005] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0006] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Formal Matters

Claims

[0007] Claim 22 is objected to because of the following informalities: "Since claim 21 has been canceled, claim 22 depends on claim 14. Appropriate correction is required." Claim 22 has been canceled, thus rendering this objection moot.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under §112, 2nd ¶

[0008] Claims 1, 3-6, 26, 27, 29-31 and 39-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd ¶. In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0009] Claims 1, 3-6, and 41-50 have been canceled. The cancelation of these claims thus rendering the rejections moot.

[0010] Independent claim 26 was rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for the element reciting "wherein the rewrite manager determines the identity and sequence...". Independent claim 26 has been amended in a manner consistent with the Examiner's assumption. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection of independent claim 26. Claims 27, 29, 31 and 39-40 depend from an allowable base claim, and thus are also allowable.

Claim Rejections under §§ 102 and/or 103

[0011] Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,324,689 to Lowney. Claims 15, 16, 19, 42, 43 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lowney in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,887 to Cotugno. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, but in an attempt to advance prosecution, Applicant has made several clarifying amendments. In light of these amendments, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0012] Claims 1, 3-7, 10-11, 14-20, 22, 24-25, 30, 41-50 and 52 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejections of these claims moot.

[0013] **Independent claims 26 and 51** have been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated to be allowable. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 26 and 51. Independent claims 26 and 51 are now in proper form for immediate allowance.

[0014] **Dependent claims 27, 29, 31, 39-40, and 53-54** depend respectively from an allowable base claim. It is axiomatic that any dependent claim which depends from an allowable base claim is also allowable. Additionally, some or all of these claims may also be allowable for additional independent reasons.

Conclusion

[0015] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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